

1. Clause E.2, 52.246-11, Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement

Question: Does this require the contractor to be certified in ISO 9001 prior to contract Award? Does the contractor need to show evidence of certification with ISO 9001 as part of the proposal? Or does the contractor need to be in compliance with ISO 9001 during the execution of the contract?

Answer: The contractor is not required to obtain third party certification in ISO 9001, however in accordance with FAR 52.246-11, the contractor is required to comply with the higher-level quality standard of ISO 9001.

2. Clause I.8, Post Award Small Business Program Representation and K.2, Annual Representations and Certifications

Question: Within I.8 the NAICS Code for Engineering Services is listed as 41660, but within K.2 the NAICS Code for Engineering Services is listed as 541330. Please clarify which of these NAICS Codes is applicable.

Answer: The final RFP will revise Clause I.8 (g) to correct the entry of NAICS code 41660 with 541330.

3. Clause I.12, Security Classification Requirements

Question: Is the contractor that is awarded this contract required to have the security clearance active on submission of the response to the RFP, on award of the contract, or a time period after award?

Answer: Security Clearance requirements may be performed by the successful offeror after award.

4. Section L.12(a), Proposal Page Limitation

Question: If we submit a compliance matrix or acronym list, are they exempt from the page count limitations?

Answer: The RFP does not request a compliance matrix or acronym list. In accordance with L.12 all proposal pages submitted containing proposal information will be counted for purpose of page limits, except for pages specified in L.12 to be excluded from the identified page limits (i.e. table of contents, title pages, cost volume).

5. Section L.12(b), Proposal Page Limitation

Question: Aside from paragraph (b) that states that text must not be smaller than 12 point type, the Draft RFP does not stipulate type size for tables. Please clarify if there is a minimum text point size for tables that the Government deems acceptable.

Answer: The final RFP will be revised to clarify that the 12 point font size applies to all proposal text, including but not limited to tables.

6. Section L.16, Total Compensation Plan

Question: The Draft RFP requests a Total Compensation Plan on each Prime and subcontractor individually. Does the government intend for the Offeror to submit a single TCP including the Prime and any/all Subcontractors?

Answer: Section L.16 (a)(4)(i) clearly identifies the proposal requirements for the Total Compensation Plan(s).

7. Section L.16 (B), Past Performance

Question: With respect to the Past Performance Questionnaires, is the government requesting that the offeror include a copy of the page 1 past performance questionnaires in Volume II, Past Performance?

Answer: No. The final RFP will be revised to clarify Past Performance submittal information.

8. Section L.16 (B), Past Performance

Question: In section L.16, it implies that flex hours are included in the contract value. However, in section B.3 flex hours are excluded from the contract value. Please clarify if flex hours are included in the total contract value.

Answer: The final RFP will be revised to clarify major subcontractor Past Performance submittal requirements to reflect that a major subcontractor is defined as anticipated to perform greater than \$10 Million of the total proposed cost (total proposed cost of Level of Effort hours plus Flex hours). The flex hours are not included in the total contract value in clause B.3, unless exercised as described with B.4.

9. Section L.16 (B), Past Performance

Question: In paragraph (a) the government asks for Offerors to submit past performance for "no more than three" previous or current contracts. However, in (a)(1) the Offeror is asked to cite experience on "the three" recent contracts. Is it the government's intent that the Offeror shall cite experience for no more than three (3) previous or current contracts and no more than three (3) for each proposed Major Subcontractor?

Answer: The final RFP will be revised to clarify Past Performance submittal information.

10. Section L.16 (B), Past Performance

Question: Is it the government's intent to request a table for each contract that includes our response to paragraph (a) along with the twelve items in paragraph (b)? In short, can we flip-flop (b) and (a) such that the table data will be on the top third of the page?

Answer: The final RFP will be revised to clarify Past Performance submittal information.

11. Section M.1 (C), Relative Order of Importance

Question: The relative order of importance as written, "Mission Suitability and Past Performance when combined are approximately equal to Cost. Cost is more important than Mission Suitability which is more important than Past Performance," appears to decrease the value of mission suitability and past performance and place emphasis solely on cost. Does the government intend to award to the lowest price offeror (i.e. lowest price technically acceptable)?

Answer: In accordance with FAR 15.101-1, the Government intends to utilize a best-value trade off process which allows the Government to consider award to other than the

lowest priced offeror. This process permits tradeoffs among cost or price and non-cost factors (Mission Suitability and Past Performance) and allows the Government to accept other than the lowest price proposal. Therefore, the Government will not be utilizing the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process described in FAR 15.101-2.